

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

This following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-45. (canceled)

Claim 46. (new)      A composition for protecting a subject against allergies and allergic asthma comprising non-bovine chondroitin sulfate, myricetin, and rutin in a vehicle for oral administration.

Claim 47. (new)      The composition of claim 46, further comprising a histamine-1 receptor antagonist.

Claim 48. (new)      The composition of claim 47, wherein the histamine-1 receptor antagonist is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyzine, merelastine, azelastine, azatadine and cypheptadine.

Claim 49. (new)      The composition of claim 48, wherein the histamine-1 receptor antagonist is either hydroxyzine or azelastine.

Claim 50. (new)      The composition of claim 46, further comprising olive kernel extract.

Claim 51. (new)      The composition of claim 46, wherein the subject is human.